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Application Number	10/020,208
Filing Date	December 18, 2001
Inventors	Bhattacharya <i>et al.</i>
Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	Auduong, Gene Nghia
Attorney Docket Number	1875.0330001

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In re application of:

Bhattacharya *et. al.*

Appl. No. 10/020,208

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For: **System and Method to Screen
Defect Related Reliability Failures
in CMOS SRAMS**

Confirmation No.: 7966

Art Unit: 2818

Examiner: Auduoung, Gene Nghia

Atty. Docket: 1875.0330001

Amendment and Reply

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Sir:

In advance of further prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Amendment and Reply is being provided concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 § C.F.R. 1.114. The Amendment and Reply fulfills the requirement under 37 § C.F.R. 1.114(a) and (c) that a submission be provided with the RCE. The amendments and remarks contained within the Amendment and Reply submission are the same as those submitted in an August 22, 2003 Amendment and Reply by Applicants. On October 14, 2003 the Examiner provided an Advisory Action indicating that the amendments contained within Applicant's August 22, 2003 Amendment and Reply would not be entered because they raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The Advisory Action also indicated that the amendments would not be entered for the purpose of Appeal. Applicants are providing this Amendment and Reply with the accompanying RCE, such that the amendments can be entered and considered.

This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.